



May 25, 2021

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Dear Ms. Santos:

This letter is regarding your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 25, 2021, assigned #21-00762-FOIA, for

[Reference FGI#21- 71862] relevant to CDC ATSDR & Beijing New Building Materials PLC, we seek copies of the following records (1) Any results from the testing of drywall alleged to be manufactured and/or produced by Beijing New Building Materials PLC (including Dragon brand drywall board); (2) Any records related to the testing of drywall alleged to be manufactured and/or produced by Beijing New Building Materials PLC (including Dragon brand drywall board); (3) Any records related to claims, complaints or incident reports that allege drywall manufactured and/or produced by Beijing New Building Materials PLC (including Dragon brand drywall board) contained and/or emitted elevated levels of hydrogen sulfide, strontium, or other harmful and/or corrosive substances, or was otherwise defective; (4) Any records related to the investigation of any claims, complaints or incident reports that allege drywall produced by Beijing New Building Materials PLC (including Dragon brand drywall board) contained and/or emitted elevated levels of hydrogen sulfide, strontium, or other harmful and/or corrosive substances, or was otherwise defective; and (5) Any communications related to the above-referenced testing or investigations. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/01/2010 To 02/25/2021)

We located 150 pages of responsive records (150 pages released in full or part; No pages withheld in full). After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemption (b)(6). Please click on the following link to access a copy of the records (the link expires in 90 days): <https://centersfordiseasecontrol.sharefile.com/d-s5d3ff717197c4a30bd60964e8f7a8dec>

Exemption 6 protects information in personnel and medical files and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, such as email address and home address. We have determined that the individual(s) to whom this information pertains has a substantial privacy interest in withholding it.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

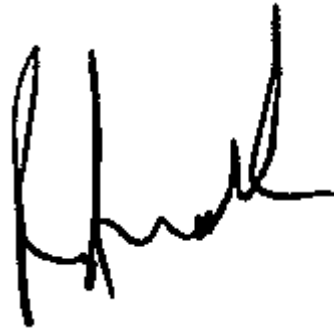
If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may also transmit your appeal via email to FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope “FOIA Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by August 24, 2021.

In addition to the enclosed pages, documents belonging to other agencies were found in our search: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (33 pages); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (5 pages). In accordance with the Department’s implementing regulations, CDC does not make decisions on the release or denial of other agencies’ documents. We have forwarded the records to the following agency for their release determination and direct response to you.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
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CPSCFOIARequests@cpsc.gov

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National FOIA Office
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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